

TOWN OF AMENIA
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2011
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Regular Board Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted and salute to our brave troops serving worldwide, and for lost loved ones.

Emergency Exits behind the Town Clerk and at the rear of the room behind the audience at the door entered.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

PUBLIC HEARING

LOCAL LAW #1 of 2011 TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA CODE OF ETHICS LAW

Supervisor Euvrard read legal notice of Public Hearing published in the Millerton News on March 10, 2011 to invite all interested parties in the Town of Amenia for their input.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to **CLOSE** Public Hearing at 7:12pm.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tonia Shoumatoff, Chairwoman, Wassaic Trail to Train Committee, voiced her opinion regarding the town board negotiations with WSP Sells for design work. Ms. Shoumatoff suggested organizing a meeting with stakeholders and county to discuss following **alternatives**: (1) WSP Sells should complete project, not to exceed \$600,000; (2) County to be responsible for project; (3) If negotiations fail, acquire second bid.

**RESOLUTION #19 OF 2011 – LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2011
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2011, ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW
AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA ‘CODE OF
ETHICS’ BY REPEALING THE EXISTING CHAPTER 15 AND REPLACING IT WITH A
NEW CHAPTER 15”**

MOTION made by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

Supervisor Euvrard thanked Cory Allyn, who is leaving the Millerton News, for his fine reporting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent, reported cleanup of town roads.

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Town of Amenia has been awarded for 2011 CDBG (Community Deveopment Block grant) for Willow Lane in the amount of \$150,000. Highway Superintendent will obtain quotes for Engineering work.

RESOLUTION #15 OF 2011

**A RESOLUTION THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA ESTABLISH
A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO FINANCE ALL OR PART OF THE COST OF THE
ACQUISITION OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$30,000 TO BE USED BY THE TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle, that was;
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye

Water Department

Marco D’Antonio submitted March 2011 monthly water report. Water line has been installed at Hudson Health Center on Rte 343 in Amenia. 2010 Annual Water District Report will be published on the Town of Amenia website.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported 79% of property tax revenue in the amount of \$3,199,642.00 received to date. Town Clerk's office will be closed on Friday, April 22, 2011.

Easter Egg Hunt video will be shown on Channel 22 this coming Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

COMMITTEES

Water District is seeking volunteers to serve on the Water District Committee.

Grants

Michael Hagerty reported revision to All Hazards Mitigation grant application; WSP Sells has been contacted regarding negotiations for Wassaic Trail to Train project; NYSERDA grant RFP's being revised.

RESOLUTION #18 OF 2011

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN OF AMENIA SETTLEMENT OF TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS WITH VERIZON NEW YORK, INC. BY REDUCING 2011 AND 2012 ASSESSED VALUE FOR PROPERTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS RESOLUTION.

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer, that was ADOPTED -VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATION PLAN

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ACCEPT the revised Town of Amenia **EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATION PLAN**.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

BEEKMAN PARK CONCESSION STAND

Supervisor Euvrard reported no response to advertisement for operating concession stand.

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney reminded the town board that general liability insurance is required for this project; with signed license agreement.

TOWN OF AMENIA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Supervisor Euvrard has scheduled gathering meeting for Monday, May 16, 2011 with **Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC**, and proposed committee members; Council Cayea and Doyle, town employees Lana Anguin and Stanley Whitehead.

DISCUSSION

Review defibrillator pads expiration dates and cost to replace.

Councilwoman Riemer to research LG split system units for air-conditioning and heating purposes at various locations in the town hall.

Councilwoman Riemer stated that **proposed** events to be held in the auditorium will be specified and meeting is scheduled with Peter Casone to discuss this issue. Requirements for rental and/or lease costs; specific agreements, access to auditorium, provision security, certificate of insurance were discussed with Michael Hayes, Town Attorney.

Shared Services grant for efficiency purposes.

RIDGECREST FARM

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney explained the process of draft EAF (completed), consultants' comments, Resolution of Introduction, subsequent required meetings.

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, stated that Scenic Protection Overlay is being reviewed.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ACCEPT the Town Board **Minutes** of Special Meeting with Ethics Board on March 3, 2011; Executive Session Meeting for Building Inspector interviews on March 3, 2011; March 10, 2011 Business Workshop; and March 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Absent
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Local events announced.

Easter Egg Hunt was successful.

Abby Ross' Zumba class will now be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Riemer will pursue long-term energy and electrical needs for town with **New York Power Authority Company**.

Councilwoman Doyle announced town curbside cleanup on April 30, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marty Grossman requested further update on Wassaic Trail to Train project.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 8:32pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: May 9, 2011

Approved by Town Board: May 12, 2011 Councilwoman Perotti - Abstained